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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 7, 2005**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following Response to the Office Action mailed  
December 7, 2005.

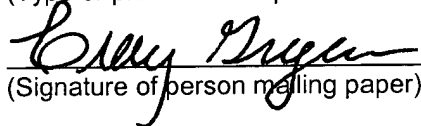
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

### **Status of the claims**

Currently, claims 1-26 are pending in this case. In the December 7, 2005, Office Action restriction was required between claim groups:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to an apparatus.
- II. Claims 15-26, drawn to a surgical method.

Election of species was also required between the embodiments of Figures 1, 7, 10 and 11.

### **Summary of the Application in view of this Response**

By this Response, Applicants have elected to prosecute claims 1-14 in this application and have canceled claims 15-26 without prejudice.

Applicants hereby elect species 1, the embodiment disclosed in Figures for prosecution. Claims 1-8 are readable thereon.